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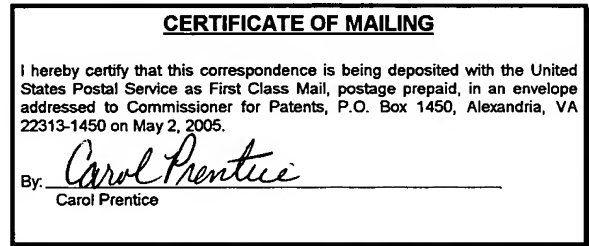


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Mueller, et al.)
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Application No.: 10/789,372)
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Filed: February 26, 2004)
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For: CLOSURE DEVICE FOR A PUNCTURE CHANNEL
AND APPLICATOR DEVICE

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REQUEST FOR STATUS OF APPLICATION

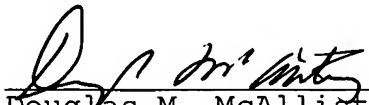
Dear Sir:

On February 26, 2004 Applicant filed the above-referenced patent application in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

To date, Applicant has not received an Office Action and respectfully requests the Patent and Trademark Office to advise the undersigned as to the status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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